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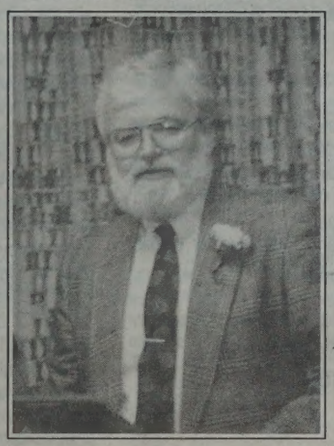

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MILLBURY - Betty Hamilton and Dr. William O'Connor were honored recently by the Millbury Elder Care Network for their service to the elderly in the community. Hamilton is the Executive Director of the Millbury Council on Aging and the Executive Director of the District Nursing Society/Certified Nursing Service. O'Connor is affiliated with Primary Care Physicians on Elm Street. The Elder Care Network includes the Millbury Council on Aging, the District Nursing Society, Millbury Housing Authority, the Millbury Convalescent Center, and Providence House.

VFW Donates $500 to Super Park Fund

MILLBURY - The Charles F. Minney V.F.W. Post recently donated $500 to the Millbury Woolie World Super Park Fund. Commander Alex Dempsey presented the check to Evelyn Plante, co-chairman of the Super Park Committee. Plante said 85% of the committee's goal has been reached. Other committee members on hand for the presentation were Happy Erickson, co-chairman; Gail Myrich; and Peg Spang, treasurer.

Citizens advisory committee proposes Gover nor's Conference on Area Development

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The Rte. 146/Mass. Pike Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) met March 11 in the Town Hall with a standing room only audience.

Prior to the meeting, Philip Puccia, assistant to James Kerasiotes, Secretary of Transportation and Construction, met with Jude Cristo, Chairman of the Millbury Board of Selectmen. The discussion revolved around the impact of the project on Millbury, including the loss of tax revenues as a result of landtakings of both business and residential properties. Also brought up were safety issues for those people who will be cut off from the town because of the design of the connector going north into Worcester.

Cristo was asked to comment on the meeting with Puccia. "Some of what was said is not fit to print," he replied. "Let's leave it that way."

Puccia, when asked to comment on that same meeting, said, "The meeting was very productive."

With respect to a grant the selectmen say the town was promised by former Transportation Secretary Taylor, Puccia said, "We are attempting to iron out the process concerning a Keyway Grant, trying to find ways of enlisting support from the legislation delegation. On numerous occasions," he said, "I have said we want to find a way to make this either an industrial development project or a similar Keyway Grant. Of course, there are certain processes that have to be followed. We are going to bend over backward to try to make it work."

During the Advisory Committee meeting, Representative Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge), who serves as Committee Chairman, discussed a proposed response to concerns that were expressed by the Worcester Business Alliance on February 11.

The letter responding to their inquiry noted the long process that the proposal has undergone to move the project forward "to improve public safety and to promote the economic development of the City of Worcester and the Blackstone Valley."

The letter also noted that issues relating to the desirability of the project or the approved alignment of the route have already been resolved and the CAC will not consider questions related to those issues.

The letter explained the statutory purpose of the CAC which is to oversee the Interchange Project and monitor its impact on the neighborhoods of Worcester and Millbury and to raise issues and encourage appropriate resolutions for those individuals, businesses and communities affected. The CAC primarily serves as a liaison between agencies involved with the design and construction of the project and those people affected by the project.

While the committee's meetings are open to the public, they are not public hearings. Individual concerns can be addressed to CAC members who can bring them before the CAC meetings to be discussed. Individuals can also address concerns to Tom Hession, Project Manager, Rm 4260, 10 Park Plaza, Boston MA 02116 or meet with officials at the Mass. Highway Department

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Guided Tour of State House

BOSTON - State Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) provided a guided tour of the State House recently to members of Sutton Cub Scout Pack 243 Webelos Den. Shown above with Sen. Amorello (l-r) Eric Kelley, Cub Scout Leader John Lefferts (rear), Coner O'Sullivan, Kevin Blanchard, Eric Jones, Troy Olson (rear) Peter Lefferts, and Cub Scout Leader Bill Jones.

The tour was part of a project which included learning the duties of a state senator. The tour provided the final requirement for the scouts to receive a Citizen Merit Badge.

Having a Ball

MILLBURY - (l-r) Jason Carney, Dan Nason and Nick Hall rolled what may be the town's largest snowball BEFORE the blizzard of March 13th!

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Obituaries

Edgerton L. Connolly

SUTTON - Edgerton L. Connolly, 71, of 24 Pleasant Street, died March 6th in his home after a long illness.

He leaves his wife of 46 years, Mary A. (Shea) Connolly; a son, Frank Connolly of Sutton; two daughters, Deborah A. McLaughlin of Sutton and Donna M. Beauregard of Millbury; a brother, Frank Connolly of Worcester; a sister, Lillian Haley of Millbury; three grandsons; one granddaughter; nieces and nephews. He was born in New Bedford, son of Luke Connolly and Lena (Butterworth) Connolly Godwin and lived in Fisherville before moving here 44 years ago.

Mr. Connolly was a chauffeur at Paul Revere Insurance Company in Worcester for eleven years. Previously he worked at the former New England High Carbon Wire Company in Millbury for many years. He was Boatswain Mate first class in the U.S. Navy during WW II, serving in the Asiatic Pacific Theater.

He was a member of the Dudley-Gendron American Legion Post, a life member of the Charles F. Minney Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Millbury, a member of the Massachusetts Police Association, the Worcester County Deputy Sheriff's Association and the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association.

Funeral services were held March 9th in Mulhane Home for Funerals, 45 Main Street, Millbury. Burial was in Howard Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the District Nursing Society, Inc., P.O. Box 45, Millbury, MA 01527 or to Why Me, Inc., a foundation for children with cancer, 316 Main St., Worcester, MA 01608.

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

MILLBURY - A pancake breakfast will be held at the Millbury Federated Church, 20 Main Street, from 7-10:30 a.m. Tickets are $2.99.

MILLBURY - The First Congregational Church, West Main Street, will host an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper from 5-7 p.m. $5.00 for adults, $2.50 for children 10 and under.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

SUTTON - The Annual Women's Communion Service and Breakfast sponsored by the Millbury-Sutton Council of Church Women United will be held at the First Congregational Church on the common in Sutton. The service will begin at 7, followed by breakfast at 8.

MILLBURY - Camp Fire Sunday at 10 a.m. at the First Congregational Church.

MILLBURY - Assumption School, 21 Grove Street, will hold an Open House from 2-4 p.m. The public is invited.

MILLBURY - Heifer Project International will be presented by the Rev. Donald Simpson at the Lenten Service of the Millbury Baptist Church at 5:00 p.m.

MILLBURY - 2nd Annual Dance Marathon for Woolie World Super Park at the Anchor Lounge, noon to 10 PM.

MONDAY, MARCH 22

MILLBURY - Meeting of Devoe Taylor Post No. 9 American Legion, 7:30 at the Asa Waters Mansion.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF MARCH 22-26

MILLBURY HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY: Meatball Grinder, FF, peaches
TUESDAY: NO LUNCHES
WEDNESDAY: Rib-B-Q Sandwich, lettuce & tomato, FF, fruit
THURSDAY: Oven Baked Chicken, FF, mixed veg., pan roll/butter, cake
FRIDAY: Special Cheese Sandwich, FF, carrots & celery stix, pudding

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MONDAY: Meatball Grinder, FF, pears
TUESDAY: Chicken Nuggets, FF, corn, pan roll/butter, Jello/topping
WEDNESDAY: Lasagna/Sauce, juice, green beans, garlic bread, pudding
THURSDAY: Pork & Gravy, mashed potato, carrots, pan roll/butter, cookie
FRIDAY: Special Cheese Sandwich, FF, carrots & celery stix, ice cream

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

As part of our Lenten Series at Millbury Baptist Church, we had a Concert of Prayer. Part of our prayer time was to give "thanks" for something. My own feelings of thanksgiving were expressed by one who was thankful for the privilege of living in Millbury. Amen.

I love living in a small town where you get to know your neighbors real well and are recognized by a lot of the rest of the town's people. One of the characteristics that I thought was unique to Maine I have discovered to be practiced right here in Millbury; that is to wave at everybody as you pass one another on the street. All it takes sometimes is to just lift up a finger as you are going along in your car or pick-up truck. It really isn't much, but it sure makes your day, especially as you're pedalling along on your bicycle.

One of the beautiful chapters of the Bible is Isaiah, Chapter 40. This chapter came to my attention when a family had lost a father and at the same time had a baby born into that household. They had talked about life as being like a circle where one goes and another comes along. Isaiah 40 begins with the words of "comfort" and goes on to describe our wonderful God and how "he sits upon the circle of the earth." Our God is sneaky. He works His wonders in our lives and we are not even aware of it until we look back on life and realize that He was working in us all the time. I'm glad to be here to share with you all that God is doing in us all through His grace and love and helping us to love one another. Amen.

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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

Safety Officer willing to give up stipend for crossing guard raises

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The Selectmen's March 9 meeting began shortly after 7:00 p.m. when a quorum of three was reached.

Administrative Assistant Earl Chase informed the Board that the first accepted bidder at the auction of Clearview Country Club could not come up with the needed financing and another group of individuals are in the process of buying the property. The group is headed by Boston Attorney Elliot Englander who, along with four other individuals, already owns and operates Holden Hills Country Club and Saddle Hill Country Club. Chase said they are aware of the options and availability for expansion to an 18 hole course.

Board Chairman Jude Cristo asked Chase how many passenger cars the WRTA has for employee use as he noted he has seen one with a license plate with a number of 181. Chase said he didn't know but told Cristo the town pays as its portion of the WRTA costs in an amount of $33,000 annually.

Route 146 Advisory Committee

Board Clerk Gerry Bleau called attention to a letter from the Planning Board that concerns a proposal for discussion for next week's meeting which would resurrect the Citizens Route 146 Advisory Committee that evaporated when the Rte 146 Advisory Committee was established through the legislative process. "We also feel," the letter states, "that a local committee can help focus the Town's position on issues before the State Citizens' Advisory Committee."

Chase remarked that it is recognized that the State and the Advisory Committee are not addressing the concerns of the Worcester businesses "nor the concerns we and the Town of Millbury have," he said. "The statement of the Rte. 146 Citizens Advisory Committee Chairman Richard Moore indicates that the project is going forward regardless of our concerns. It doesn't seem worth going to their meetings."

Cristo said the advent of a citizens' committee may not be a bad idea as the state will then be apprised of not only the Selectmen's concerns, but also the citizens' concerns. Referring to the Millbury MBTA proposal study committee, Cristo said, "it appears that there are townspeople who have the same concerns as this Board and that could bolster our cause."

Selectman Bernard Plante, who also serves on the 146 Advisory Committee, said he liked the idea of reestablishing a town committee but, he said, "I think it may be a little too late. They want to put it here; it's coming in."

Cristo said he disagreed. "If the town has concerns and we are not happy with what's going to happen," he argued, "then we could lay back and say this is a fait accompli. But I don't believe in that. Look at the little town of New Braintree and what they were able to accomplish," he said. "We have talked a lot about taking assertive action. The time has come for us to stop talking and take some action. I think we should go to the meeting Thursday (see p. 1) and state that if we cannot accomplish these issues, then tell us today. Then we can take whatever necessary action as a Town that we may have to make and make sure the town's interests are preserved. We have been talking and talking and time keeps ticking on the clock here. They are doing exactly what they want," he said, "they are wearing us down."

Plante said that Millbury is the only town that stands to lose revenues and the only one being inconvenienced. "We are not getting any place," he said.

Cristo asked if any response has been received to the board's letter to the Mass. Turnpike officials concerning negotiating some source of revenue with a park and ride proposal planned near the new interchange on Rte 20.

Chase said no response has been received.

"It seems like you send everybody concerned letters and it just falls on deaf ears," Cristo remarked. "No one comes down here and no one wants to address any of our concerns. We are going nowhere." Cristo said the state is taking the attitude of, "Let's sit back. Let's play with Millbury. We're just going to ram it down their throats and they're just going to have to take it."

"I'm ready to go the next step," Cristo said.

Lachance asked Cristo if he was speaking for himself.

"Yes," Cristo replied, and noted that he has yet to here from anyone else on the board concerning this issue. He also noted that the final environmental impact report has yet to come out and said that will be another time to address concerns.

Cristo then asked his colleagues how they felt about taking legal action to mitigate the loss of tax revenues.

Lachance said he thought the issue was beyond that point. "It would be just like putting a dam across the Blackstone River and trying to stop them going north or south," he said. "That's what it amounts to. Considering all the legal ramifications, it will cost us money."

Cristo said the Board would have to talk to town counsel about the cost.

Leslie Lane resident Syl Bourdeau asked if the project would affect the town's aquifer.

Cristo replied that it could.

Cristo also said board members could attend the next meeting of the 146 advisory committee to state their concerns. "If we do not get answers," he said, "then after 30 days we can take a vote as a Board to see what can be done."

"There is probably more than one way to make our position felt," Bleau said. "Conservation is one of the more immediate issues that can be addressed by the Conservation Commission."

Cristo concurred and said it was something to look at since the project is in the intermediate and not the final phase on environmental concerns.

Bleau also suggested that the board seek support from local legislators to go for added revenue sources before taking legal action.

Cristo said there may be a need for expert environmental backup and, if need be, the Board could go to the town meeting and seek voter support for any expenses.

Lachance noted that the Board voted its support of the project and has not rescinded that vote.

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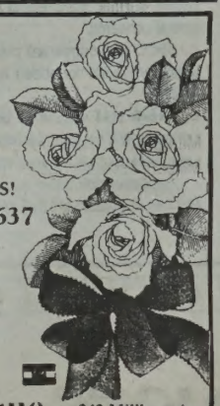

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"That was the same day they made a promise to us," Bleau argued.

Plante said some people believe the selectmen are trying to hold up the project. "We are trying to protect the people of Millbury," he said. "It doesn't take an Einstein to figure that out. We want to replace the loss of tax revenues."

Cristo said there are also concerns related to land takings.

Elmwood Heights

Terry Burke Dotson asked the Board to reopen the warrant to allow for an article to accept streets in the Elmwood Heights complex that she said are now completed. She said that through a misunderstanding, the request was delayed. Dotson a resident of Elmwood Heights, noted that she was speaking as a town resident and not as a member of the Planning Board.

Lachance said the warrant was closed and remarked that the Board said it would not reopen it this year as it did last year for similar requests. He referred to Nicole Drive and Cyndy Lane which were accepted last year and brought forth at the last minute.

Dotson said those streets referred to by Lachance should not have been accepted as they were not up to specifications.

Bleau said if there was some evidence that shows a hardship he might consider making a motion to reopen the warrant.

Dotson said the hydrants were turned off because the developer did not have the funds to pay the rental fee until the bond was released by the ZBA. The hydrants have been turned back on. She also said she could provide the board with the required material and drawings by Friday.

Cristo said the Board could consider the request at the next meeting if all the necessary data is submitted along with releases from the appropriate agents of the town.

Safety Officer

The Board met with Safety Officer Ron Richards who presented his budget to the Board for approval to pass it on to the Finance Committee.

Cristo noted the increase in "Salaries All Other" of some $800. Richards said that represents a 5% increase in the hourly rate of pay for the school crossing guards. He said they have not received a raise for several years and only twice in ten years. The increase would give them an hourly rate of $5.53 per hour.

Richards said the increase would still not bring them up to par with the school department positions of bus monitor or cafeteria aides who receive up to $7.75 per hour. "It's a matter of equity," he said, "as I think these jobs as crossing guards are more important than the aide jobs." Richards also said he would give up his request for a $125 increase in salary as safety officer if the Board would go along with the budget request for their raises.

The Board approved his request 4-0.

Ambulance Service

Himmer Ambulance, an affiliate of Ambulance Services of America, asked the board to renew its lease with the town for the building on River St. that presently houses a fully equipped para-medic van and an office and quarters for the crew that staffs the van. The lease will be up June 31, 1993. Under the lease, Himmer pays Millbury $800 per month.

According to spokesman Steven DiOrio, the para-medical van is housed in Millbury and serves Sutton, Millbury and a portion of Grafton. He noted that the location is one the company finds geographically advantageous and provides efficient service for the towns involved.

DiOrio explained that his company has made several improvements to the building at no cost to the town. He also said work was underway on installing a shower room for the ambulance crew when the company was made aware that another town agency may have an interest in the building. "As a result," he said, "we have stopped working on that project." [The Council on Aging is looking into the possibility of building a new age center at that location.]

Lachance noted that the original lease covered the housing of an ambulance. He said it appears the building is more than a garage now yet no additional costs have been added to Himmer's rent.

DiOrio explained that originally the building was barren, but the company enhanced it over time which, he said, has benefitted the town. He also said that in addition to the paramedic ambulance now housed in Millbury, a basic ambulance will be housed there within 45 days.

Bleau said the company is enjoying "a good deal" in that it is paying less per square foot in the present lease agreement than what raw industrial space would get for the same amount of square footage.

The Board told DiOrio that the lease for the building would have to go out for bids under the state procurement act. Cristo instructed Earl Chase to check with town counsel on the details for purchasing ambulance service if that also has to go out to bid. He said he was happy with the present ambulance service and questioned whether comparable service could be had if the town changes to another company. He agreed along with other Board members that the $9600 per year lease for the building was a good deal, but said the type of service and speed of response is difficult to equate with rates.

The Board chose to take the matter under advisement until the bid issues can be checked. The vote was 3-1 with Lachance opposed.

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Candidate for Parks Commissioner

MILLBURY - Brian Gasco has announced his candidacy for Parks Commissioner in the Town of Millbury. He is a lifelong resident of Millbury and lives at 19 Herricks Lane.

Gasco is a 1986 graduate of Blackstone Valley Regional Technical High School, and is a member of St. Mark's Church in Sutton. He currently owns Gasco Plumbing and Heating.

He is a former member of Boy Scout Troop 108. He is also a member of the Millbury Fire Department, assigned to the rescue squad. He is a member of the Blackstone Valley Forestry Association where he serves as the Programs Comm. In addition, he is a member of the Millbury Youth Camp Inc. where he currently serves as Vice-President.

In announcing his candidacy, Gasco said he would like to serve as a Parks Commissioner because as a child growing up in Millbury, he enjoyed the benefits of being involved and participating in many of the sports programs and would like to give something back to the town.

Gasco is engaged to Pam Tarkiainen of Morse Road, Millbury. He and his fiancee plan to settle and raise a family in Millbury because he would "like to have the chance to be involved in the town."

Write-in Candidate for Recreation Commission

SUTTON - Phil Berube, currently serving on the Sutton Recreation Commission, has announced his intention to run a write-in campaign for that office.

"With the election coming up in April," Berube said, "I decided not to run because of new commitments to my wife Irene and daughter Melissa, also a new business partnership. But due to numerous phone calls from friends and voters of Sutton, I have placed my name in as a write-in for a three year term and hope that I will be privileged to serve on Recreation again."

Berube listed the following accomplishments that took place during his tenure on the commission:

- building of Veterans Park in Manchaug.
- work to create Unity Park in Wilkinsonville.
- Public relations on recreation.
- Planned summer recreation programs in Sutton.
- Raised funds for the ad-hoc committees in Sutton.

Write-in Candidate for Recreation Commission

SUTTON - Elaine Wilson has announced her intention to conduct a write-in campaign for a three year seat on the Sutton Recreation Commission.

She has lived in Sutton most of her life and is currently living at 7 Hatchery Road. She is married and has two children, ages nine and five.

In announcing her candidacy, Wilson said, "I feel that I can help the town of Sutton because I believe recreation should play a part in the lives of the children of Sutton."

Wilson currently serves as Chairman of the Wilkinsonville Unity Park Committee. "In the near future," she said, "weather permitting, the Wilkinsonville section of Town will have a playground. This park will give the children a safe place to play. I look forward to your support."

CANDIDATES PLEASE NOTE:

The last date for submitting candidate announcements for the upcoming Millbury town election is Friday, April 2. The deadline for announcements for the Sutton Town Election is March 26. No announcements will be printed after these dates.

Pancake Breakfast

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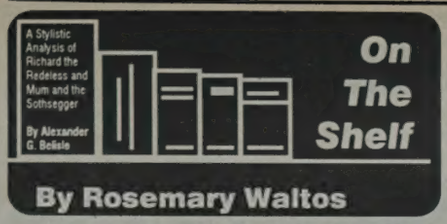

By Rosemary Waltos

ROBINSON CRUSOE, GULLIVER'S TRAVELS, ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND, THE TALE OF PETER RABBIT, CHARLOTTE'S WEB and WINNIE- THE-POOH are all books that children through the centuries have grown up reading and later passing on to their children and their children's children.

Before the 1500's, very few books were written for children and they were meant to instruct, not entertain. Instead, children were told stories by their elders. Stories were meant to entertain as well as to instruct. These stories told in the oral tradition were shared and enjoyed through the ages.

It wasn't until the 1500's that books began to appear for children. The earliest were shortened and crude adaptations of ancient legends, medieval tales and ballads. The book STORIES AND TALES OF PAST TIMES WITH MORALS; or, TALES OF MOTHER GOOSE was published in 1697. With this early publication came those familiar tales of "Cinderella," Little Red Riding Hood," "Sleeping Beauty" and nursery rhymes that are part of everyone's childhood.

In fledgling America, two of the earliest influential books for children were John Cotton's spiritual guide SPIRITUAL MILK FOR BOSTON BABES (1646) and NEW ENGLAND PRIMER (1690) compiled by Benjamin Harris and intended to teach children the alphabet, good behavior and Christian beliefs. These texts served upcoming generations in conveying the accepted values of the day.

The first novels for children were published in England in the 1700's. John Newbery, the namesake of the Newbery Award winning books of today, published the first children's novel THE HISTORY OF LITTLE GOODY TWO SHOES in 1765. The timeless classic ROBINSON CRUSOE by Daniel Defoe was also published in the 1700's. Both these books, though read by adults, were also favorites of older children.

The 1800's saw the milestones of books for children being laid to eventually create a separate branch of literature. It was in the 1800's when many stories from the oral tradition were written down and published in collections of folktales from various cultures. People and cultures were exposed to each other through the universal themes in such folktales as "Jack and the Beanstalk" from England, "Hansel and Gretel" from Germany and "The Three Billy Goats" from Norway.

With advances in printing, the use of illustrations in children's books became popular, and by the mid 1800's the use of color illustrations was possible. Illustrations became an important part of telling a story to children. Randolph Caldecott is the best known of the 19th Century artists of children's books and is commemorated today by the prestigious Caldecott Awards given annually to the best children's picture book. He was considered a master at using illustrations and humor to move the action of a story. Other early children's book artists loved by generations of youngsters are Kate Greenaway and Beatrix Potter.

Until the 1800's, books that were written for children had strong religious and moral overtones. They were intended to primarily educate and/or instruct children on good behavior and hard work. By the late 1800's, however, children's books were written to entertain as well. This era produced many classic novels in children's literature which included LITTLE WOMEN by Louisa May Alcott, HANS BRINKER OR THE SILVER SKATE by Mary Mapes Dodge and Robert Louis Stevenson's TREASURE ISLAND. You'll find many of these books on today's school reading lists.

Since the turn of the century, theories in education and psychology have stressed the importance of reading as an essential basic skill and one of the key to personal and business success. This high value placed on reading has been underscored by a proliferation of books intended to encourage children to read and develop lifelong reading habits. Now, as we approach the waning of the century, approximately 5,000 new children's book titles are available to children and their parents annually. These books take the form of: board books for the very youngest; picture books for older preschool children; beginning readers for youngsters just learning to read; nonfiction books covering an ever increasing variety of topics; books untangling and presenting complex and sensitive social and personal issues; poetry books; and children's magazines.

Children's books are an integral part of the collections and services found in public libraries today. A visit to the Millbury Public Library will provide you with over 8,121 books and books on tape to choose from. In addition, the library also subscribes to ten magazine titles for children and individual issues can be checked out.

The number and variety of books for children can be overwhelming. Don't hesitate to ask the children's librarian or library assistants for help in locating a particular book or for reading suggestions and recommendations. They will be sure to find the right book to meet your child's age, grade level and interests. For more information about the Millbury Public Library's children's collections, services and programs, call 865-1181.

Quilter's Group Forming

MILLBURY - Interested in meeting area quilters and sharing quilt making ideas and experiences? Join other quilters in the start of an area quilter's group. Swap patterns and fabric, combine orders for discounts, seek help with your quilting projects, learn and share new techniques and "how-to's," participate in group projects and more. If you like quilts and quilting, join your friends and neighbors at the Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street on Friday, March 26 at 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be served. For more information call 865-1181.

Women's Bowling League

MILLBURY - Ann Coons had the high triple in the Women's Bowling League last week with strings of 100/101/140 for a 341 game. Bowling 100 and over were: Ann Coons, 100/101/140; Pat Gaspar 112/100/101; Ellen Bouvier 131; Gloria Chicy 126; Charlotte Gabree 112; Marge McArdle 101.

TEAM STANDINGS

PLACE	TEAM	WON	LOST	HIGH SINGLE
1	#3 The Shadows	42	22	Joan DeSantis 142
1	#2 Kathy's Marbles	42	22	Ann Coons 141
2	#1 Pattie's Pin-Ups	38	26	Pat Gaspar 133
3	#5 Sisters Plus One	34	30	**HIGH TRIPLE**
4	#4 Joannie & the Jets	20	44	Pat Gaspar 370
5	#6 Gail Gabbers	18	46	Joan DeSantis 358
				Ann Coons 341

HIGH AVERAGE: Pat Gaspar, 104.5; Kathy Marble, 98.5; Joan DeSantis, 95.9; Becky Rushton, 95.9

TOP TEN BOWLERS: Pat Gaspar, 104.5; Kathy Marble, 98.5; Becky Rushton, 95.9; Joan DeSantis, 95.7; Charlotte Gabree, 95.6; Gail Higginbottom, 94.7; Ann Coons, 94.2; Ellen Bouvier, 93; Mary Jo Boire, 88.6; Aggie Boire, 88.1.

American Legion Post Meeting

MILLBURY - Members of the Devoe Taylor Post No. American Legion will meet March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Asa Waters Mansion. This is a rescheduled meeting due to the recent blizzard. Commander Start Mulhane will preside. Members are urged to attend as plans for the Memorial Day Parade will be discussed.

Chicken & Biscuit Supper

MILLBURY - The Worship and Fellowship Committee of the Millbury Federated Church will hold its annual chicken and biscuit dinner on Saturday, March 27, at 6 p.m. The cost is $5.50 for adults and $3 for children 11 and under. For reservations, call 865-2870 on or before March 24th.

Named to Dean's List

SMITHFIELD, RI - The following students have been named to the fall semester Dean's List at Bryant College: Mark Livingston, a sophomore finance major, of 2 Salo Terrace, Millbury; Shannon O'Leary, a junior finance major, of 15 Sutton Road, also of Millbury. Students earning a 3.2 or higher grade point average qualify for Dean's List honors.

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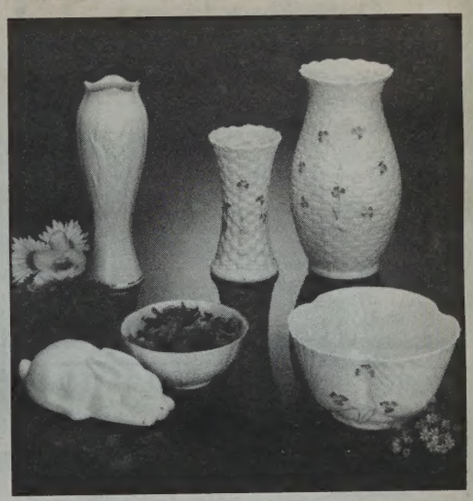

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Sutton Board faces dilemmas

By Alec G. Belisle

SUTTON - The Board of Selectmen met March 9 with all members present: Chairman Wally Johnson, Vice Chairman Rick LaBonte, Clerk Mary K. Connor, David Strieby, and Dana Gravison.

Town Administrator Dexter Blois reported that one Highway Department employee has retired and another, Raymond Bessette, qualifies for the Early Retirement Incentive program. He said any discussion of the program has to center around the replacement of Anderson or not and Bessette retiring or not. "In other words," Blois said, "if we maintain the status quo in the highway department, it's going to be costly for the town to go into this Early Retirement program. If we're not going to maintain the status quo then the numbers are totally different."

Blois also said he could not say at this time if there will be a need for any budget cutbacks which could result in layoffs or a reduction in hours.

Blois explained that the town must pay $3,244 for 15 years if it is to adopt the retirement option. If the town hired two employees to replace those retiring, the cost to the town would be $48,000 over a 15 year period. The $3,244 must be paid for 15 years even if the retiree dies before the 15 years is up. "The savings to the town based on two assumptions: the town hires a replacement employee and that new employee takes a full period of three and a half years to achieve a maximum in pay on the job," he said. "That savings is $10,200. Now if you retire two people and replace only one, you're saving an additional $28,000, which is Ray's salary."

Strieby commented that the program was created for towns which were going to downsize and that the savings occur only if retired employees are not replaced.

"But we're not in that situation," LaBonte said.

"I don't see how we'll ever be in that situation," Blois added, "with the subdivisions, the roads increasing, we're going to need more people, not fewer people."

Connor suggested that the board decide whether they are going to approve the program before they take it to the town meeting for a vote. The program needs two favorable votes to be adopted, one by the board of selectmen and one by the town meeting.

Blois said the program is going to be costly to Sutton because should the town hire back a replacement for the retired employee, it will have the additional cost of $3,244 on top of the employee's salary. "Once you make the decision, it's going to be costly to go back and change it," he said.

Connor said it is unfortunate that the discussion about early retirement affects only one individual which, she felt, would make arguing for the approval difficult at town meeting. She said that she felt it was not the fiscally responsible action to take to adopt the program that will cost everybody in town money to benefit just one person. "I'm speaking as a selectman; I can't in good conscience vote for this even though I'd like to," she said, "because it doesn't make any sense fiscally."

Johnson said he wants the article placed on the warrant.

Connor said that she felt it was wrong to place it on the warrant and allow a debate on a program that involves one person when she would not vote for approval of the program anyway.

Connor then made the following motion: "Regretfully, that we do not adopt this provision." It was seconded by Strieby. The vote was defeated with Connor and Strieby voting in favor and Johnson, LaBonte and Gravison voting opposed.

"A lot can happen between now and town meeting time," Johnson said, "and a lot can happen between now and the time we have to balance our budget."

Strieby asked Johnson, "The question isn't whether you could have made it, it's do you want to spend $50,000?"

Connor added, "You're spending that money to benefit one person when we know eventually we'll have to replace them. We have on the books right now approved subdivision lots that equal 20% of our existing housing units, all on new roads. I don't think we can go before town meeting and say, 'because we're going to be making cutbacks, we've adopted this to spend money to benefit one individual when we need that money for other things.'"

Connor said she hopes residents realize that this provision was created for communities whose situations were entirely different from Sutton's - where 1) the community knows it is cutting back without any intention of replacing retirees or 2) a community has a large school department with many at the top of the scale who can be replaced by entry level employees at lower wages. "I can't go to town meeting and say spend money we don't have to benefit one employee," she said.

"I don't want to miss out on something that we could have possibly done," Johnson said, "and if we can't possibly do it, I'll be the first one to get up and say it."

LaBonte cautioned that the decision may be unfairly perceived as being based on personalities. "The individual concerned was hired by the town a number of years ago," he said. "One of the reasons he was hired was because he was one hell of a welder, and I can remember in those years a number of people on the highway department saying, 'Boy, that guy saved this town some big money by doing a lot of work that we normally would have to send out if he wasn't there.' You know what, when you get a guy like that who leaves a high paying job to come here for a lot less money, maybe you ought to take care of him; maybe you ought to say, 'Thanks for all those things you've done over all those years.'"

"Now it's been turned into something that is exactly what I don't think it should be," Connor argued. "You could go up and down the list of people that we have employed in town, and you could probably say the same thing about every one of them. That's not the point. This law was put in so towns could cut back people on the high end of the scale if they are ready to retire," she said.

"We're a small town," said Gravison, "not everything we do in town has got to do with money. What makes this town so great is the fact that we do things as individuals; we do it together; we support each other. I agree with Rick, and I make a motion to accept this early retirement."

Labonte seconded the motion.

"What about everybody else who isn't ready for retirement?" Connor asked, "I don't think it's a question of money in terms that I don't want to give someone money; it's a question of fairness."

"I agree with Rick," Gravison said, "it's an opportunity for an individual who deserves it, and it's something the town could do for an individual who deserves it," he said.

"The cost to the town is $48,000," Connor noted.

Gravison said that if the town does not hire a replacement then the cost will not be as great.

Johnson asked Blois what the cost would be if the employee retired normally at 65 years of age.

Blois answered, "His benefits would be paid by his withholding from his pay and by the town's assessment."

Connor again noted that the Early Retirement Incentive Option is given to towns who want to encourage early retirement to save money. "In our situation, I don't feel it applies," she said, "and that is why I vote no, not because I don't think somebody's worked hard, and not because I don't wish we could everyone who works hard some money that they deserve. I don't think the way it is written, it applies to this town."

Johnson reiterated that all he wants is for the item to be placed on the warrant.

"I am saying that I don't think it's fair to put it on the warrant unless you've already decided that you think it's the right thing to do," Connor said.

Strieby said he would vote to place the item on the warrant but not for its approval.

Johnson said he could not now say approval is the correct thing to do. "Right now, the way you're talking, $48,000, may not be the right thing to do," he said. "Especially if Raymond (Smith) insists on replacing two people. But if he's going to replace one of the two retiring, all we're doing is what this thing is designed for."

Strieby asked Smith if he planned on replacing both.

Smith said that he would have to replace both one way or another. "Either that or let all of the equipment sit in the barn," he said.

"We all knew the answer to that question," LaBonte said. "We knew it before you asked it."

Connor then said that the board was abrogating its responsibility by not voting on the program.

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The CAC is considering a proposal to create a business mitigation service in order to resolve construction impact related issues which would:

- Assist the transportation planning supervisor to analyze and resolve transportation operational issues associated with the construction of the Project;
- Present findings to other agencies, community groups, and abutters of the project.
- Coordinate with project engineers, mitigation officers, construction planners and other agencies.

Moore also noted that businesses impacted but not involved in actual landtakings and additional issues relative to impacts on the two communities will also be addressed. The CAC also plans on sponsoring an informational meeting to acquaint businesses with various assistance programs that are available and to determine if any gaps exist which may require legislative or local government action.

There were no questions or comments to the draft letter read by Moore.

Moore also summarized a draft proposal that would create a Governor's Conference on the Upper Blackstone Area Regional Development that he indicated would "hopefully" be supported and backed by the Governor.

In summarizing some of the reasons for the conference, Moore said there are other agencies in both the state, federal and private sector that can be of assistance in the project, such as financial institutions within the community that can help with mortgages and loans for homeowners and for businesses who may need to purchase new equipment. "We may have to also consider economic enabling legislation that would delineate the designation of Economic Opportunity Areas that would allow for tax incentives, tax increment financing, access to financing for businesses and development. These and other options," Moore said, "can be helpful to the two communities, Worcester and Millbury. The agenda of the conference should be to develop an action plan to address the economic development along the Rte 146 corridor to include Worcester, Millbury and Sutton from Brosnihan Square which offers maximum mitigation of any apparent negative impacts of the project."

Moore said the conference would be open to the public but only active participants who can contribute to finding answers to the concerns raised would participate. Those invited must also represent a broad range of public and private agencies that can respond to the concerns but remain small enough to allow for substantive discussion leading to proposals for action.

Moore said some of the concerns to be addressed include the problems of homeowners, tenants who have no vested equity, and businesses concerned with remaining competitive within their area. "We also may have to look for earlier landtakings for hardship cases which would require talking to federal highway officials," Moore said.

Moore also said it may be necessary to find a way through legislation that would offset the loss of tax revenues during the transition period until the highway is operational. "That period for offsetting loss would be five plus years when revenues are reduced," he said. "We can assess what that might be. That can be offset on the Cherry Sheet to the communities. It would be a new venture and obviously set a precedent."

Moore also said the proposal would be ready to start by May or June this year and, if legislation is needed, there would be further time as the start up for construction is expected in early 1994. "1993 gives us time to nail these issues down," he said.

Puccia noted that in his meeting with Cristo it was agreed that there will be new efforts to work with and through the town of Millbury to address some of their concerns.

Cristo said he wanted to go on record that the Board of Selectmen has not withdrawn its support of the project. "We do have continuing concerns that we do feel need to be addressed," he said. "Those concerns being 1. the loss of tax revenues as a result of the project. Another major one being the issue of the properties north of the project area, some parcels that exist on Rte. 20 and some houses that exist in that area of Rte 20 that will not be taken for the project. We have some concerns that those homes may be landlocked outside of Millbury."

Cristo said Puccia told him that meetings will be held with state officials over the next few weeks to resolve some of those issues. Cristo also congratulated Moore for the draft proposal he presented. "This can go a long way in resolving the concerns so that the plans can get off the table and get the project completed," he said.

Jane Weidman, spokeswoman for the development of a bikeway along the Route 146 corridor, presented a brief summary of the project. "The expectations are that the bikeway will be an attraction which will enhance the tourist attractions of the valley," she said, "and contribute to the economic enhancement of the valley."

Moore, when asked if he thought this meeting and the proposals will help to address the skepticism of some town officials, replied, "Yes. I think that in order to get to this stage we needed people to raise their concerns, and that is what these meetings over this past year were all about. I know that people have felt that the answers are not there as yet, but that is the purpose of getting the agencies who have the good answers together and who have the expertise to help develop the program. Hopefully we will get beyond the talk and get to some action," Moore said. "It's a long process."

Moore also said some of the problems mentioned will be addressed at the next design stage when the designs will be blown up in size so the areas of concern can be fine tuned and certain small adjustments can be made. "That's what we will be going into in 1994," he said.

In response to a question on concerns over the location of the project and any potential adverse impacts on the town's aquifer and the recharge area, Moore said those issues should have been addressed in the hearing stage. He did say they would be covered in the final environmental draft report and that public comment would be allowed.

Friends Meeting

MILLBURY - The Friends of the Millbury Public Library will meet Thursday, April 1, at the library. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Any adult who has paid for a single or family membership is a Friend and is eligible to attend.

Camp Fire News

MILLBURY - Camp Fire is celebrating its 83rd Birthday the week of March 14-21. Groups will be participating in various activities during that time. Members will observe Camp Fire Sunday on March 21 at 10 a.m. at the First Congregational Church. Camp Fire's annual banquet will be held Wednesday, March 31, 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes church hall.

Early School Dismissal

MILLBURY - Tuesday, March 23, will be an Early Release Time Day for K-6. The Shaw Elementary School will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. and the Elmwood School at 1:00 p.m. The morning kindergarten classes will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. and there will be no afternoon kindergarten classes. Lunches will be served as usual. Schools are being dismissed early to allow teachers to work on curriculum improvement.

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A Model Group

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MILLBURY - Millbury Parents Club hosted a Fashion Show fund raiser at the Shaw School on March 10. Students from the Millbury Public Schools and their mothers were decked out in the latest fall fashions, all provided courtesy of TJMaxx.

Among the parents participating in the fashion show were Robin Janson-Dumais and Lucy Green, Chairwoman of this event.

Sutton PTA Spring Fair

SUTTON - The Sutton PTA will host a "March Into Spring Fair" March 27 at Sutton High School. A Pancake Breakfast will be held from 9-11. The fair and games will run from 10:00-3:00. Also included in the activities will be: a general store, bake table, silent auction, cotton candy, book swap, face painting, crafters tables, raffles, 50/50 raffle, open kitchen, crafts for kids, a library book sale and games and activities in the High School Gym for children.

Lenten Speaker

GRAFTON - The Rev. Jose Matos will be the Lenten speaker at the Union Congregational Church of South Grafton on Sunday, March 21, at 7 p.m. The public is invited. The service will be led by the Church Choir. Matos visits the prisons of New England and New York, presenting the Gospel through preaching and singing. The public is invited.

Family Science Night

MILLBURY - Family Science Night will be held Tuesday, March 30 at the Raymond E. Shaw School, from 7-8 p.m. Hands-on science activities and experiments will be offered for students from Kindergarten through grade 6. Babysitting will be available for younger children. The program seeks to teach science skills by having children and parents enjoy science together. Family Science Night is sponsored by the Millbury school Connection.

Salesperson of the month

MILLBURY - Holly Oliveri, of Re/Max Associates, Realtors, Millbury, has been named Salesperson for her office for the month of January. The announcement was made by Kathleen Sisinger, Regional Director of Re/Max of New England.

Sisinger said accomplishments such as Oliveri's "result from a great deal of hard work, perseverance and professionalism."

Oliveri had five closed transactions for the month of January. She can be reached at Re/Max Associates, Route 146 office by calling 865-1020 or at her residence, 865-5819.

Dog Licenses a bargain before April 1

MILLBURY - Dog licenses for 1993 are now available at the Town Clerk's Office. Licenses issued through March 31, 1993 are $7.00. Licenses issued April 1, 1993 or after will be $11.00. Take advantage of the discount fee and license your dog early. In order to license your dog, a current rabies vaccination must be in affect.

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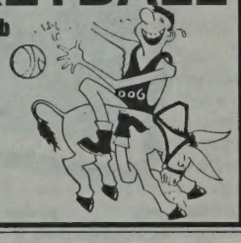

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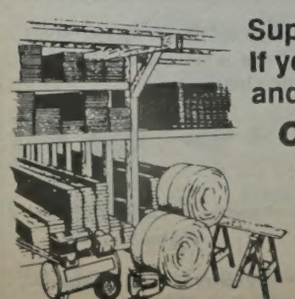

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LaBonte said approval of the program requires two affirmative votes. The selectmen should approve it before it goes to the town meeting for a vote. "So Dana's motion is a proper motion," he said.

"The motion is to accept the early retirement incentive option," Blois said.

Connor pointed out that the selectmen will have no more information regarding the town's financial status by town meeting than they presently have. She also reiterated that she felt it was unfair of the selectmen to bring a policy that will affect only one person to town meeting if, "you're not willing to say right here that you want to do that for one person."

"Say it's after town meeting and 90% of the voters say, 'Yes, we're going to do that.' We still have the right to say, 'No,' 45 days thereafter," Johnson said.

"Not if we vote in favor tonight," said LaBonte.

"I don't want to do it that way," said Johnson. "All I want to do is put it on the warrant."

"But how are you going to vote 'no' if 200 people tell you to vote 'yes'?" asked Connor. "What are you going to tell them at the meeting? They're going to ask you how to vote at the meeting. How can you tell them how to vote at the meeting? You're not going to have any more information. These two people (Gravison and LaBonte) said they want to vote because they think it's the right thing to do to help a person out who's worked hard for the town. I say that's not the way the thing was designed. I disagree with that; it's not the right thing to do for this town. You say, 'Let's wait until we know if we're going to have to lay somebody off. You're not going to know that between now and town meeting, so why wait?"

The motion to accept the program was moved and defeated with Gravison and LaBonte voting in favor and Johnson, Strieby, and Connor voting opposed.

Johnson moved that the article be placed on the warrant. It passed 4 to 1 with Connor voting against.

Hartness Road Project

Before a discussion on Hartness Road with the Sewer Commissioners, Gravison, who is a developer, stepped down from the discussion in order to eliminate the appearance of a conflict of interest.

The board continued a discussion begun at last week's meeting with developer Frank Noel who has requested that the board rescind a previous decision which rescinded the sewer abatement fees granted to Sutton Valley Corp., failed developers of Colonial Acres. That decision was given because the developer was going to install main sewer lines which would have benefitted the town by supplying municipal sewer lines to residents of Hartness Road. After months of residents' complaints that roads were impassable, failure on the part of the developer to complete the project, and the fact that the project was now in the hands of the bankruptcy court, the selectmen, in agreement with Blois, voted to rescind the waiver of fees.

Noel has purchased 103 lots in Colonial Acres for development. The waiver was deferred last week until the selectmen could meet with the Sewer Commissioners, none of whom were on the commission when the original waiver was granted.

Present for the Sewer Commission were: Chairwoman Cynthia Blondin, Judy Barrett and Mike Morin.

Only the selectmen can grant the waiver of fees which in this case amounted to $2,500 per lot, the cost of installing the system divided by the number of homes in the proposed subdivision. Johnson said that people along Hartness Road would have been able to connect to this line had Sutton Valley Corp. completed the project. The developer had also agreed to construct a new road after excavation was complete.

Connor explained that the developer had originally received approval from the Planning Board to construct the sewer lines over land rather than up existing roads. This would have required several pumping stations and would not have serviced any other area residents. She said the Planning Board had authority to require the developer to install the system over the existing roads but did not so require. As a result, she said, the selectmen, with the advice of the sewer commissioners, granted a waiver of fees if the developer would install the lines along Hartness Road, improve drainage and resurface the road.

Blondin told the board that the commissioners do not feel the Depot Street pumping station can handle the additional flow created by the 60-70 new homes. She said the station needs upgrading and waiving the betterment fees will not help the situation. According to the commissioners, the pump capacity will have to be increased.

Blois said the previous commissioners must have considered the increases and that once the line is installed on Hartness Road, it will relieve pressure from the Depot Street station which will then only handle the flow from the Wilkinsonville area.

Blondin said the commissioners are opposed to waiving betterment fees. "It's not going to do us any good," she said. "There are things that have to be done. If we keep waiving betterment fees, we'll never be able to do them."

Connor explained that the selectmen received hundreds of complaints from area residents over the condition of the roads. She said she feels the road will never be completed to satisfaction unless a developer takes over the project.

Morin said if the selectmen are looking out for the welfare of all of Sutton, there are a number of problems that have to be addressed. He said Millbury and other towns do not waive fees, many of which charge more in fees than Sutton.

Blondin said the list of developers granted waivers in Sutton is larger than in other towns.

Strieby said that offering a waiver now might affect the town's ability to deny waivers to subsequent developers.

Blois said it would not be a problem and that the town has authority to deny requests.

Noel said he is looking for nothing more than what was granted to the previous developer.

Connor said she understands the commissioners' position and that they have the authority to review the original plans and reject them if there are problems with ability to handle capacity. She said the selectmen have to look at other issues, the roads being one, and that she wants the road finished properly.

Blondin said the sewer department is looking for $100,000 for upgrading the existing pumping station and the fees could go for upgrading.

"I feel in the past we have waived the fee with much less benefit to the town," Connor said. "I don't know if we should continue that, I agree with you. But there are a lot of residents in town who have been inconvenienced, and we have to be fair to them."

Noel said that if they waive his fees, the board can still collect the fees for the lots remaining to be developed in the project.

Strieby remarked that the board gave the previous developer a "carte blanche" waiver up front and suggested that the board grant this waiver at the conclusion of the work as an incentive to complete the project as specified.

Connor said she is in favor of granting a waiver of half the fee with the possibility of granting the other half if there is a benefit to the town.

LaBonte said he had reservations about granting the waiver originally but deferred to the previous Sewer Commissioners who were unanimous about granting it and recalled that, at that time, Connor indicated that the Planning Board could have required the developer to construct his lines down the road and not overland. He said, in retrospect, they probably should not have granted the waiver then. "I won't vote to waive more than half the fee," LaBonte said, "and that's only because we did it before. I think the sewer commissioners are right, I think we have to start thinking about the future."

"I just want to go on record in saying we are opposed to waiving any betterment fees on this project or any project in the future," Blondin said, with Morin agreeing.

Connor made a motion to waive half of the fees on Colonial Acres. The vote was 3 to 1 with Connor, Johnson and Labonte in favor and Strieby opposed.

Assumption School Open House

MILLBURY - Assumption School, 21 Grove Street, will hold an Open House on Sunday, March 21, from 2-4 p.m. The public is invited. The event will provide an opportunity to tour the school, meet with the faculty, and see the work of the students.

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MILLBURY - The Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Millbury is in dire need of an Apple Computer and printer to be used for processing scholarship applications. This will enable them to continue to meet the needs of local youth in obtaining their goal of a higher education.

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MILLBURY - The Fire Department will issue Open Burning Permits on Saturdays at Fire Headquarters, Elm Street, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and Noon. Note the change in office hours. Open Burning Season runs until May 1. There is a $5.00 fee for the permit. When calling on Saturdays to activate your permit, make your call early as the office will close at Noon. The number is 865-5328.

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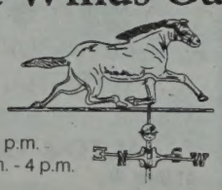

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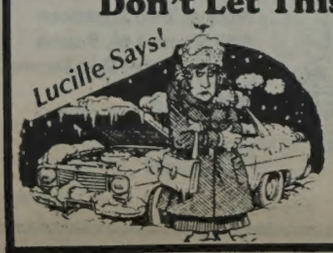

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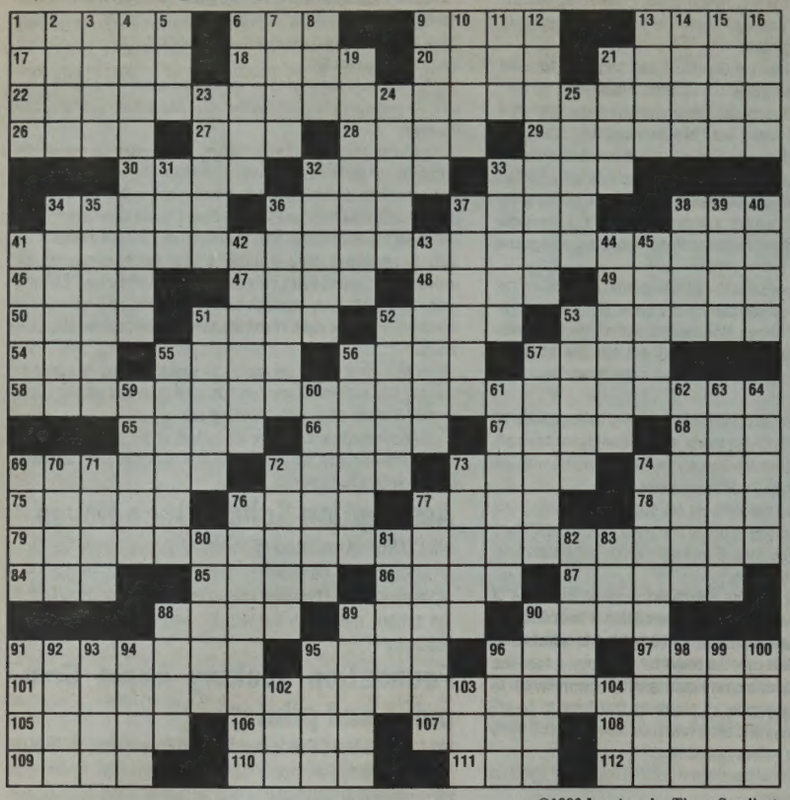

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1 Pygmy antelope
6 Anti-detonation stencil
9 Attractive face shape
13 Mil. hooky
17 Take a drive
18 "The Shining —"
20 — me tangere
21 Guam's capital
22 He was co-pastor here
26 Dweeb
27 Dos Passos trilogy
28 "— grief!"
29 Dramatic locale
30 "...did gyre and gimble in the —": Carroll
32 End
33 Wander
34 "...in Arden; the more —:" Shak.
36 Goatee setting
37 Muriel Spark's "Memento —"
38 Duck for apples
41 He wrote a famous letter here
46 Sicilian center
47 René's dream
48 Leaf angle
49 Rainer of "The Good Earth"
50 Menotti's first name
51 Worst kind of straits
52 Infamous Idi
53 Bombarded
54 N.Y. winter time
55 Saint —, Arles neighbor
56 Scheme
57 Pueblo Indian
58 Not notable award
65 Sacred Nile bird
66 Not taped
67 "— be in England...": R. Browning
68 Baer or Beerbohn
69 Ornamental charm
72 Grotto
73 Piccadilly Circus statue
74 Genie's abode
75 Gambol
76 Work with wicker
77 Eastern nanny
78 On the sheltered side
79 His assassination eve words
84 Tree juice
85 Cookie king "Famous —"
86 Mechanical repetition
87 Hialeah attractions
88 Yoke takers?
89 Godiva's garb situation
90 Tijuana treat
91 Garb
95 Dover fish
96 Actor Carlou
97 Loosen as a knot
101 Jan. 18 event honoring him
105 Word on a French postcard
106 "Dies —"
107 Dimension
108 Mexican basket grass
109 Rain cats and dogs
110 Writer Seton
111 Place or welcome
112 Glacial ridge

DOWN
1 Portent
2 Judge's wear
3 Hur's highway
4 Female slave
5 Choler
6 "We hold — truths"
7 Nick Charles's wife
8 "Rub-a-dub-dub" boat
9 Where the surrey's fringe is
10 Null's partner
11 Smith and Pacino
12 Shore-related
13 Water, in Mexico City
14 Kind of hog
15 "— Upon a Honeymoon": '42 Rogers film
16 Memorable Cowardly Lion
19 Scott Joplin's forte
21 Polite interruption
23 Conductor Mehta
24 Cultural city of India
25 Author Potek
31 "The Greatest"
32 Remove the goatee
33 "Bobbin' " bird
34 Complete
35 Showy
36 "Angel" Ladd
37 One of the Andrews Sisters
38 Fishhook food
39 Compiegne's river
40 Ran in the laundry
41 Sire, Biblical style
42 Tony-winner Tammy
43 Expectant mother's method
44 Syrian hub
45 Songbird London
51 Red ink item
52 Among the quick
53 Harbors
55 Frost or Feller
56 Hedge shrub
57 Sounds from Santa
59 McKinley's Ohio birthplace
60 Factories
61 Search for food
62 Charlotte —, Virgin Islands
63 "Ships of the desert"
64 Eject from school
69 Galatea's love
70 Goya's "The Naked —"
71 "— and Away"
72 Church law
73 Ham it up
74 Where suits are pressed?
76 Greenhouse shrub
77 Worshipers
80 Smooth and pallid
81 Fanon
82 Sturm und —
83 Animal's pouchlike part
88 "Mourning Becomes Electra" role
89 Tea type
90 Doctrine
91 Last of a Latin trio
92 Put down macadam
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95 Command to a dog
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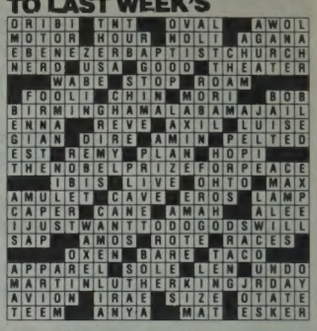

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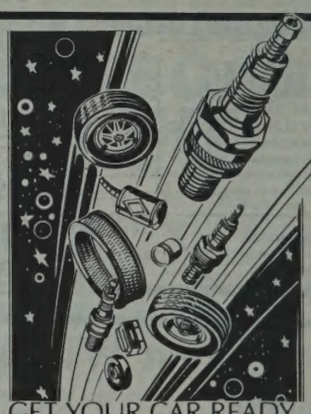
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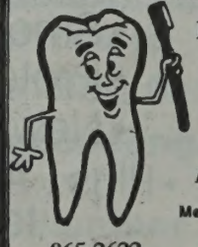
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Millbury Planning Board
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General laws, the Millbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on April 12, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Office Building, Planning Board Hearing Room, 127 Elm Street, Millbury, MA on the application of William Delorey and Patricia A. Delorey, property located at 22 Sullivan Place, Millbury, MA, for a multi-family special permit under Article 2, Section 22.2, of the Millbury Zoning Bylaw.

Anyone wishing to be heard on this application should appear at the time and place designated above.

Ann Kniskern
Chairwoman
March 18 and 25, 1993

Reflections from the Clergy

This week's "Reflections" was written by Sister Sheila Finnigan, SND, of St. Mark's Parish in Sutton.

A LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

I never thought Lent could be one of the happiest times of my life, but in Rome, where I lived last year, Lent takes on a special meaning. Lent 1992 was a very special time.

In the Roman Missal during the years when Latin was the official language, the heading of each Lenten Mass was "Station at..." Until last Lent, this did not mean much to me. Last Lent I participated in a 40-day journey with the students and priests from the North American College and many other English speaking residents of Rome.

During the pagan era, the practice had grown up with the pilgrimages to the tombs of the martyrs to celebrate their life and death. The rites celebrated for the martyrs took on a strong sense of joy with the celebration of the Eucharist. Christ was so central to the liturgical commemoration that the dates of death of the martyrs were not registered. Only the names of these men and women are written at their burial sites.

From the Latin, "Statio" the term means both stopping and where one stops. In Roman military terminology it meant the mounting of the guard by the most advanced sentinel who stood ready for action. In Christian terminology it had the meaning of dedication to vigilance and a commitment to conversion and prayer.

So with this background, we began our forty-day journey to celebrate the life and death of the martyrs at their burial places. Finding these churches was a difficult piece of work even with a map. A few churches are hidden in surprising places, way off the beaten track, others are right on the busiest streets.

The Stations from Santa Sabina where the Ash Wednesday service took place to Santa Prisca, the last Station, are treasures of art and are all very beautiful. A few are so old that the murals are hardly visible and are threatened by crumbling structures. There are others undergoing restoration. Some are only opened during Lent and for other special occasions.

There was singing at all the Masses. On some days, special music was sung. At San Sisto on March 25, the seminarians' rendering of the Magnificat was unforgettable. This particular Station was a high point for me on this pilgrimage.

High is an appropriate word, not for San Sisto which happens to be on level ground, but for the many hills climbed during those days. All who have a sense of the geography of Rome will appreciate the distance we travelled from Termini to the Circus Maximus and from St. John Lateran to St. Paul Outside the Walls and all the hills in between.

Even though I had experienced an unforgettable forty days, I felt a sense of loss after Lent was over. I missed those with whom I had spent a special time. We had formed a community of new pilgrims who were convinced that the reality lived by the martyrs and the witness they gave still speak to us today from the very stones of Rome along an itinerary of faith and hope.

Heifer Project for Lenten Service

MILLBURY - Heifer Project International will be presented by the Rev. Donald Simpson at the Lenten Service of the Millbury Baptist Church on Sunday, March 21, at 5:00 p.m. Heifer Project is a mission to alleviate hunger and poverty by providing animals and related assistance to families and communities in need, to help them produce food and income on a long-term basis. Simpson was in the Extension Department when a student at the University of Massachusetts. His church in East Springfield was among the first to contribute to the Heifer Project. He is a retired United Church of Christ pastor and Area Minister. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.

Community Photography Exhibit

MILLBURY - The Millbury Public Library will hold its fourth Annual Amateur Photography Exhibit from Friday, March 26 through Saturday, April 3. A reception for the opening of this exhibit will be held on Friday, March 26 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. Refreshments will be served.

If you enjoy taking pictures for fun or you are an aspiring photographer, enter the library's Fourth Annual Amateur Photography Contest. Amateur photographers of all ages are invited to submit their photographs to the Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street, between March 16 and 20. Each photographer is limited to three (3) entries. Each submission must be **framed or mounted and suitable for hanging.** Entries must include the photographer's name, address, phone number and category number on the back.

This is a juried exhibit. It is open to amateur photographers in two categories: Youth (age 6-17) and Adult. An amateur is someone who does not support himself or herself by taking photographs (although he or she may have sold photos for publication).

The Fourth Annual Amateur Community Photography Exhibit is made possible with the additional support of Our View Photography Club. For more information about this exhibit, call the Millbury Public Library at 865-1181.

Millbury Woman's Club

MILLBURY - The April 5 meeting of the Millbury Woman's Club will be held at the First Congregational Church on West Main Street with a luncheon at noon followed by a business meeting at 1 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Martha Michalewich of the Massachusetts Passenger Safety Association, who is also the State Chairwoman for leadership and membership.

Co-chairwomen for this event are Dorothy Dearnley and Hilda Healy. They will be assisted by: Sona Parent, Lou Trachimowicz, Marjorie Boria, Ruth Marble, Marjorie Adams, Dana Christman, Lorraine Konisky, Diane Rocheleau, and Frances Cofsky.

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Star Performers for February

February Star Performers: front row (l-r) Jen Garza, Ashlee Berardi, Joseph Mazzone, Maryelizabeth Rogers; back row, Jestine Butler, Sarah Montigny, Kelley Henry, and Amanda Perkins. Brian Kniskern was absent when the photo was taken.

MILLBURY - The Raymond E. Shaw Elementary School has announced the names of the Star Performers for February. Specialists throughout the building vote on two students from each grade. Children are nominated and selected by their instructors based upon overall effort in class, good citizenship and an over-all positive aspect toward learning. Star Performer for February are: Grade 3, Amanda Perkins, Joseph Mazzone; Grade 4, Brian Kniskern, Jen Garza; Grade 5, Maryelizabeth Rogers, Jestine Butler; Grade 6, Sarah Montigny, Kelly Henry, and Ashlee Berardi.

Local youth art featured at Worcester Art Museum

WORCESTER - March is Youth Art Month. The Massachusetts Art Education Association and area art teachers are sponsoring an exhibit to highlight the accomplishments of local young artists, to encourage support of quality art programs and to emphasize the value of art education. The exhibit is hosted by the Worcester Art Museum and will run through March. To view this exhibit, enter the Museum through the Lancaster Street entrance. The hours are weekdays 9-5 and Saturdays, 10-3.

Exhibitors from the Sutton Schools are as follows: Sutton Jr-Sr High, under the direction of Tura Briddon Dudley - Joseph Miller (grade 8), Christopher Swan (grade 8), Christina Bohanan (grade 9), Glen Morello (grade 9), Eileen Connor (grade 10), Mike Forget (grade 11), Michan Connor (grade 11), Mark Galanak (grade 12), Christopher Maynard (grade 12), Carrie Kolofsky (grade 12), Timothy Drudis (grade 6), Laura King (grade 6); Sutton Elementary School, under the direction of Ann Junnila - Melissa Brown (grade 5), Kimberly O'Connor (grade 5), John Cofske (grade 5), Peter Lefferts (grade 5), Sonja Stomski (grade 4), Stacey Cobane (grade 4), Margaret Bacon (grade 3), and Trista Jones (grade 3).

Strong year for MCU

MILLBURY - At the recent annual meeting of the Millbury Credit Union (MCU), chairman Robert L. LeClaire reported assets of $73,362,181.96 as of December 31, 1992, a modest increase over the previous year.

LeClaire emphasized that the Credit Union added $681,393 to its already strong surplus position during the past year and that MCU members benefit from the combined protection of the National Credit Union Administration, a federal agency which insures select credit unions as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insures some banks, and the Massachusetts Share Insurance Corporation. Together, these guarantee that deposits at MCU are insured in full.

In discussing the coming year, LeClaire announced that the Credit Union National Association has designated MCU as a model credit union, one of only about 20 nationwide. As a result of leading-edge high-technology, Credit Union members will see improved service in application processing, loan processing, and mortgage origination. LeClaire commended the Credit Union's staff for its commitment to the intensive education necessary to bring these benefits to members.

LeClaire was elected chairman, Richard N. Kenary treasurer and clerk of the board, and Bertha A. Eaton assistant treasurer. Directors elected to terms expiring in 1996 were Alexander G. Belisle, Raymond D. Bergeson, Marie J. O'Mara, and Everett H. Grahn. Joseph F. Barbato, Jr., was appointed president and chief executive officer. 1991.K

Low Vision Seminar

WORCESTER - The Massachusetts Association for the Blind is continuing its Education Series for families and friends of individuals experiencing vision loss. The first program, "Macular Degeneration - Questions and Answers," is scheduled for March 25 from 7-9 p.m. at 51 Harvard Street. The speaker will be Jeffrey Levine, M.D., Ophthalmologist. The series is free but pre-registration is requested. To register, call Donna Harris at 791-8237.

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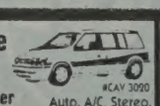

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